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SUBJECT: COVERAGE OF ITF CONGRESS, STOCKHOLM, AUGUST 7-15

1. A WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (ITF) WILL BE HELD IN STOCKHOLM, AUGUST 7-15, WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF US TRADE UNION LEADERS FROM MARITIME, RAIL AND AIRLINE INDUSTRIES IN ATTENDANCE. IN THE ABSENCE OF A LABOR ATTACHE AT EMBASSY STOCKHOLM AT THIS TIME THE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, WOULD LIKE TO TDY USEC LABOR ATTACHE JOHN DOHERTY TO STOCKHOLM TO ASSIST THE EMBASSY THERE IN ANALYZING AND REPORTING CONGRESS DEVELOPMENTS.

2. AS USEC IS AWARE, THE ITF IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST IMPORTANT OF THE FREE-WORLD INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS, WHOSE POLICY VIEWS AND ACTIVITIES RANGE OVER A BROAD SPECTRUM OF US INTERESTS. DOHERTY'S BACKGROUND OF EXPERIENCE AND FAMILIARITY WITH MANY OF THE PARTICIPATING US LABOR OFFICIALS MAKE HIM PARTICULARLY WELL QUALIFIED TO

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COVER THIS IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION CNFERENCE.

DEPARTMENT, THEREFORE, HOPES THAT USEC WILL FIND IT
POSSIBLE TO MAKE HIM AVAILABLE FOR THIS TDY FROM AUGUST 6-
15. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT MOST OF THE US DELE-
GATES WILL ARRIVE BY AUGUST 6.

3. EUR WILL ISSUE ORDERS TO COVER DOHERTY'S ROUND-TRIP
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM IN STOCKHOLM.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. KISSINGER

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